(*c*) whether temporary privies are constructed in all the important thavalams such as Peruthodu, Kalaketty, Azhutha, Inchipparakotta, Karimala, Valianathavalam and Pampa in the Erumeli route, Kollumuzhi, Nilakkal Thalappara and Rajampara in the Rajampara route and the Sabarimala where lakhs and lakhs of pilgrims assemble for the Makaravilakku ?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: (*a*) Owing to the large number of pilgrims and the method of camping in the Thavalams the Public Health Department has to face serious difficulties in ensuring perfect sanitary arrangements. In spite of the sanitary amenities made available, many pilgrims do not care to take advantage of the same and commit nuisance by easing in areas outside the privies put up for their use. As a result of the increase in the number of pilgrims, the number of sweepers and scavengers as also the number of latrines have been increased from 1119.

(*b*) A *statement furnishing the required information is placed on the table.

(*c*) Yes.

Supply of spare parts for Transport Department.

381. ❋ **MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether contract for the supply of spare parts for motor vehicles of the Transport Department is fixed up by auction, tender or private negotiation;

(*b*) if the supply is not made by fixed contracts, are the spare parts bought from the open market from day to day; and

(*c*) if so, the officer responsible for the purchase?

MR. E. G. SALTER (*Director of Transport*): (*a*) It is not possible now a days to enter into contracts for the supply of spare parts for Motor vehicles in view to the Spare Parts Control Order and other Control Orders.

(*b*) Yes, as and when available and necessary.

(*c*) The Director of Transport.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: May I know from where the spare parts required are purchased?

MR. E. G. SALTER: Spare parts are brought from whatever source they are obtainable. I may also inform the honourable Member that for the vehicles supplied by the General Motors, spare parts are obtainad from the General Motor Company and for the Fords from the Ford Motor Co. If they are not able to execute the orders, we buy from private dealers.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Is it from private brokers?

MR. E. G. SALTER: From anybody.

Transport Service in the Trivandrum-Vizhinjam line.

382. ❋**MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRY** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

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[Mr. T. T. Kesavan Sastri.]

(*a*) the number of Transport buses running daily in the Trivandrum-Vizhinjam line now, and the timings of the services; and

(*b*) whether they are aware that more buses are necessary in the line?

MR. E. G. SALTER: (*a*) One.

Departure from Trivandrum.

7·20, 8·45, 10·10, 16·00, 17·30, 19·00.

Departure from Vizhinjam.

8·00, 9·25, 10·50, 16·40, 18·10, 19·50.

(*b*) Yes; but more buses cannot be provided until sufficient number of new buses are available.

Profits in the Transport Department.

383. ✻**MR. K. A. MATHEW:** Will the Government be pleased to state the amounts received by the Director of Transport in 1118 and in 1119 as his share of the profits in the respective years from the incomes of the Transport Department?

MR. E. G. SALTER: The amount received by Mr. E. G. Salter, Director of Transport as bonus for the year 1118 is Rs. 43,551-26-10. The bonus for the year 1119 has not yet been settled.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether in addition to this amount which he got as his salary, he has been receiving a salary?

MR. E. G. SALTER: No, Sir.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know the amount that he expects to realise in 1119?

PRESIDENT: What his hope is, you mean?

MR. E. G. SALTER: Rs. 64,000.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether the terms under which has been given this will be continued in the case of his successors?

PRESIDENT: That arrangement is personal to Mr. Salter. He was brought in as an Expert and the present arrangement will not continue after Mr. Salter's term is over.

Irregularities in the Transport Department.

384. ✻**MR. K. A. MATHEW:** Will the Government bepleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Director of Transport received a complaint from Mr. K. A. Mathew, Member, Sri Mulam Assembly on 5-6-1120 that one of his subordinates accepted illicit payment from a passenger at the Trivandrum bus station and that he was a witness to it; and

(*b*) what action the Director took against the culprit?

MR. E. G. SALTER: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) None, since enquiries showed that the man reported against was not guilty.

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